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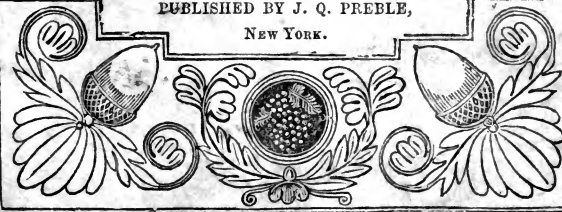


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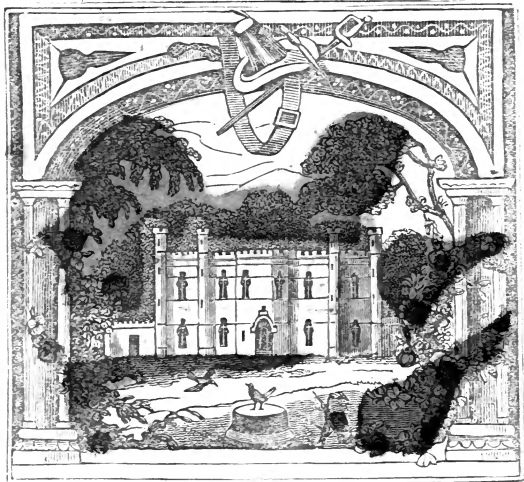
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SHRUBLAND HALL

Deep seated in a flowery vale,
Beside a woody dell,
Stood Shrubland Hall, where, says the tale,
A worthy pair did dwell.



James & Mary - 1688

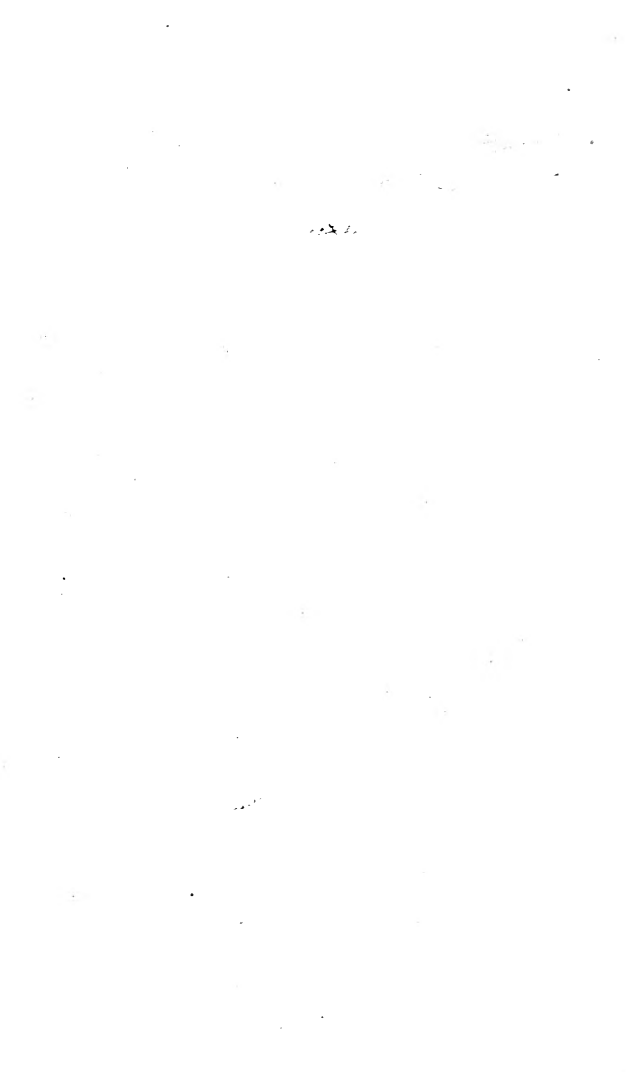
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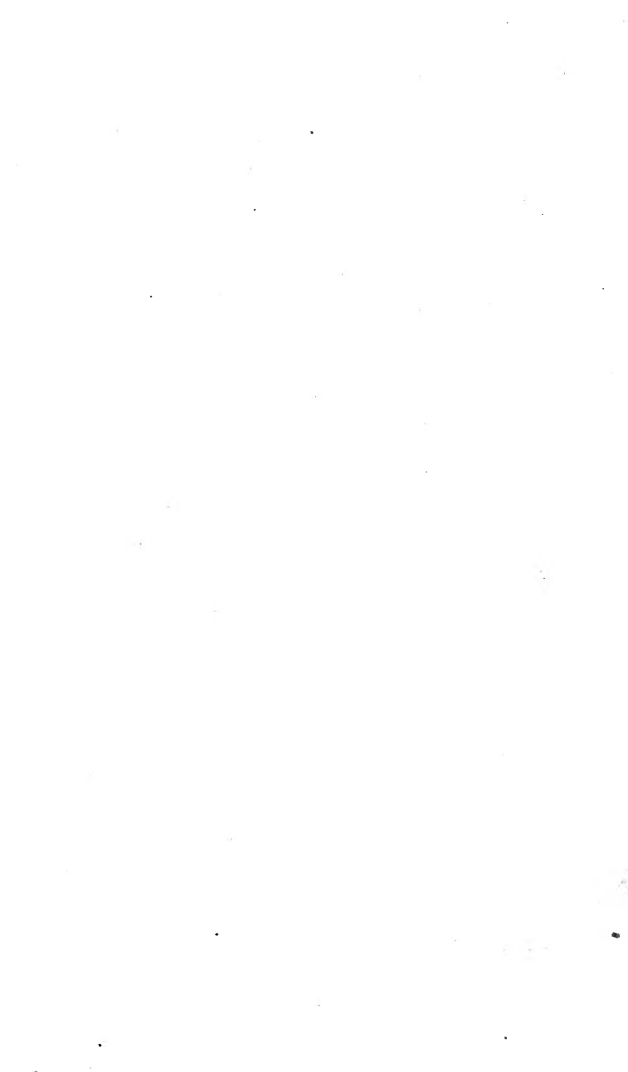
Two beauteous babes this happy pair,

To crown their loves had got :

The proudest monarch on his throne,

Might envy them their lot.







THE UNCLE TAKING THE CHILDREN.

But death, in midst of all their joys,

Did seize this loving pair,

Who, dying, left their girl and boy

Unto an Uncle's care.



THE UNCLE BRIBING THE RUFFIANS.

But to their fortunes he aspired,

And to secure his prey,

He two unfeeling Ruffians hired

To take their lives away.





THE RUFFIANS WITH THE CHILDREN.

These wretches, cruel, fierce and bold,

Conveyed them to a wood,

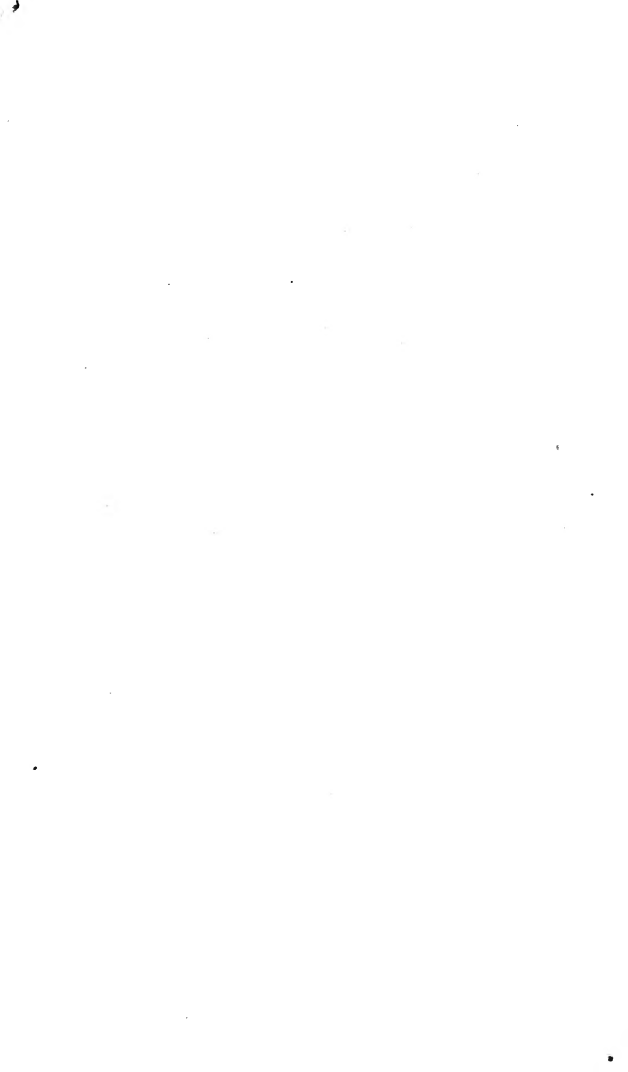
There, for the sake of filthy gold,

To shed their infant blood.



THE RUFFIANS FIGHTING.

But one his purpose did repent,
Before the deed was done,
And slew the other Ruffian there,
Then left the babes alone.





THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD.

Their little hearts with terror sank,

With hunger, too, they cried,

At length upon a flowery bank

They laid them down, and died.



THE CHILDREN'S DEATH.

The Redbreasts, in their clustering bowers,
Sung mournful on each spray,
And there with leaves and fragrant flowers,
O'erspread them as they lay.

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